

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JORGE LEONARDO HERNANDEZ-
ROMERO,

Defendant.

8:25CR77

**PRELIMINARY ORDER
OF FORFEITURE**

This matter is before the Court upon the Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture. (Filing No. 27). The Court has carefully reviewed the record in this case and finds as follows:

1. On June 23, 2025, Defendant pled guilty to Count I of the Indictment (Filing No. 1) and admitted the Forfeiture Allegation. Count I charged Defendant with a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h).

2. The Forfeiture Allegation sought forfeiture, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1), of \$107,250.00 United States currency as "any property, real or personal, involved in such offense, and any property traceable to such property."

3. Based on the Defendant's guilty plea and admission, the Defendant forfeits his interest in the above referenced property and the Government is entitled to possession of any interest Defendant has in the property pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1).

4. The Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture is granted.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Filing No. 27) is granted.

2. Based upon the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment (Filing No. 1) and Defendant's guilty plea and admission, the Government is hereby authorized to seize the property.
3. Defendant's interest in the property is hereby forfeited to the Government for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).
4. The property is to be held by the Government in its secure custody and control.
5. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the Government shall publish for at least thirty consecutive days on an official internet Government forfeiture site, www.forfeiture.gov, notice of this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, notice of publication evidencing the Government's intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than Defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in the property must file a Petition with the Court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.
6. The published notice shall state the Petition referred to in Paragraph 5, above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's interest in the property, shall be signed by the Petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the Petitioner's right, title, or interest in the property and any additional facts supporting the Petitioner's claim and the relief sought.
7. The Government may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have an interest in the property as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.
8. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

Dated this 27th day of August, 2025.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Joseph F. Bataillon
Senior United States District Judge